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SUBJECT: SUGAR: BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION IN SEPTEMBER 10 GENEVA
CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. BRAZILIAN DELEGATION OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE TO BE COMPRISED OF: CHAIRMAN - GENERAL ALVARO TAVARES CARMO, PRESIDENT OF SUGAR AND ALCOHOL INSTITUTE (IAA); VICE-CHAIRMAN - MINISTER LUIZ AUGUSTO PEREIRA SOUTO MAIOR, IAA REP. IN GENEVA; ADVISERS - ADERBAL LOUREIRO DA SILVA, VICE-PRESIDENT OF IAA; CARLOS AUGUSTO PROENCA ROSA, BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON; SERGIO PAULO ROULANET, STESIO HENRIO GUITTTON; FRANCISCO DE ASSIS COQUEIRO WATSON EXPORT DIRECTOR OF IAA; ALVARO GURGEL DE ALENCAR NETO; ALBERICO TEIXEIRA LEITE; AURELIO DE CARVALHO SAMPAIO; MARIO LUIZA DUARTE GUERREIRO; OMER MONT'ALEGRE; FIRST SECRETARY RAUL EUCLYDES ARANHA D'ESCRAGNOLLE TUANAY, FOREIGN OFFICE.

2. IAA SPOKESMEN ASSERT THAT BRAZIL'S QUOTA UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM 500,000 TO TWO MILLION TONS. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, THEY CLAIM, WILL BE OF NO INTEREST
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TO BRAZIL UNLESS THIS INCREASE IS OBTAINED. THEY JUSTIFY THEIR POSITION BY POINTING TO CURRENT VOLUME OF BRAZILIAN SUGAR EXPORTS, I.E. 2.1 MILLION TONS IN 1972 AND ESTIMATED 2.5 MILLION IN 1973. BRAZILIANS ALSO CLAIM THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND DOMESTIC PRODUCTION FROM AN ESTIMATED 5.85 MILLION TONS DURING LAST SUGAR YEAR TO 9 MILLION TONS IN 1978, BUT ARE HESITANT TO DO SO UNLESS THEY HAVE SOME GUARANTEE OF AN OUTLET ON INTERNATIONAL MARKET. THEY FURTHER ASSERT THAT IF BRAZIL DOES NOT IMPLEMENT ITS PLANNED EXPANSION, INTERNATIONAL SUGAR SHORTAGE WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE NO OTHER PRODUCERS CAN INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION SUFFICIENTLY TO SATISFY INTERNATIONAL DEMAND. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. BRAZILIAN REQUEST FOR 2 MILLION TON QUOTA IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY IAA, BUT WILL PROBABLY BE INITIAL NEGOTIATING POSITION SUBJECT TO COMPROMISE DURING CONFERENCE. IN EXCHANGE OF SIDE COMMENTS BETWEEN BRAZILIAN FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE AND IAA VICE-PRESIDENT AT LUNCH YESTERDAY, LATTER ASSERTED THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATION ISSUED BY FOREIGN OFFICE WERE NOT AS FIRM AS IAA HAD HOPED. THIS COMMENT IMPLIED SOME DIFFERENCE IN VIEW BETWEEN IAA AND FOREIGN OFFICE, WITH LATTER APPARENTLY ADOPTING MORE FLEXIBILITY TOWARD CONFERENCE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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